

## **FR 40-18, Pet Control and Disease Prevention**

HQ, 1st Infantry Division & Fort Riley \*FR Reg 40-18

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Medical Services

### **PET CONTROL AND DISEASE PREVENTION**

1. **PURPOSE.** To establish local policy and outline procedures concerning the possession and control of pets as well as measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals at Fort Riley, Kansas.

#### **2. REFERENCES.**

- a. AR 40-1, Composition, Mission, and Function of the Army Medical Department.
- b. AR 40-3, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care.
- c. AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Service.
- d. AR 190-12, Military Police Working Dog.
- e. FR MEDDAC Reg 40-64, Rabies Control.
- f. FR MEDDAC Reg 40-2, Animal Bite/Scratch Case Management.

g. *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, (Published Annually)*, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians

3. **SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** The proponent agency of this regulation is Veterinary Services. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to Commander, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, ATTN: MCVX-CNL-R, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442.

4. **APPLICABILITY.** This regulation pertains to persons entering the confines of Fort Riley.

#### **5. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY.**

a. Violations of the requirements of this regulation may result in a withdrawal of animal keeping privileges and/or the removal of the offending animal.

b. Military offenders of this regulation are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), particularly Article 92(1).

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c. Civilian offenders of this regulation are subject to prosecution before a United States Magistrate under Kansas Statute Annotated (KSA) 21-4310.

d. The military sponsor will be held responsible if his/her dependent(s) are found to be in violation of this regulation.

6. **EXCEPTIONS AND APPEALS.** Requests for exceptions to the provisions of this regulation will be made in writing with complete justification to the Garrison Commander. Appeals to actions

taken or proposed under this regulation will be made in writing with complete justification to the Commanding General or his designee.

7. LIMITATIONS FOR "HANDICAP ASSISTANCE ANIMAL(S)." An exception will be made for the restricted areas listed below as authorized by Congress (Title 40, United States Code, Section 291), which allows "handicap assistance animals" to go anywhere their owners are authorized, so long as they are under control.

a. Pets authorized to reside on the installation include domestic dogs, domestic cats, amphibians, lizards, tropical fish, rabbits (outdoor rabbit hutches are prohibited), ferrets, pocket pets (gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, mice) and domesticated psittacine birds. Snakes, spiders, poisonous amphibians, and poisonous reptiles are prohibited.

b. Sylvatic and sylvatic hybrid animals will not be maintained on this installation; this includes all wolf, wolf hybrids, and coyote hybrids.

c. Livestock (domestic farm animals including, but not limited to, pot bellied pigs, pygmy goats and poultry) will not be maintained on the installation as privately owned animals. This paragraph does not apply to equines (horses and mules) maintained at the post stables.

d. Personnel are limited to ownership or maintenance of three pets (caged birds, pocket pets, and fish excluded).

e. Personnel living in barracks or other troop unit facilities will be allowed to keep caged pets (fish, lizards, birds, and small mammals, such as rabbits, ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, etc.) in their barracks room with approval from their commander. The Branch Chief, Veterinary Services, is available for recommendations on this issue. Snakes, spiders, poisonous amphibians, and poisonous reptiles are prohibited.

f. Animals are provided housing on a space available basis through post guest housing. Contact guest housing to determine if space is available. Incoming military families with pets are required to have an interstate health certificate and proof of rabies vaccination for their animals.

g. Animals are not permitted in public buildings except for those facilities designed for their use or care. Animals used in an approved Animal Facilitated Therapy Program and Military Working Dogs on official business are exempt from the provisions of this paragraph. Contractors and civilian workers who bring pets on post will abide by FR 40-18.

h. Animals raised primarily for commercial purposes will not be maintained on the installation. Litters of pets will be adopted and registered with new owners at the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) before 90 days of age if the animals are to remain on Fort Riley. Female dogs or cats that have more than one litter per lifetime will be considered to be used for commercial breeding purposes. The parents and any litters that are advertised as being for sale will automatically be considered commercial animals.

i. Nuisance animals will not remain on Fort Riley. Any action of a pet that gives offense to the senses, violates laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property is the responsibility of the owner/sponsor.

j. Dangerous or vicious animals. These animals have the propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked to cause injury, or to endanger the safety of human beings or other animals. These animals are not permitted within the confines of Fort Riley.

k. All animals that enter the confines of the installation for shows, events, or other activities are required to have a Health Certificate signed by a veterinarian within 10 days prior to arrival on post. Horses require proof of negative Coggins test (serum test for Equine Infectious Anemia) within 6 months.

l. Dogs that are greater than 55 pounds and/or more aggressive animals may also have to be provided a cover for their pens to avoid the possibility of escape of the animal. Smaller dogs may need to be fenced into the yard depending on the attitude of the dog.

m. Overly aggressive animals that live on Post, or are brought on Post by a soldier from the surrounding area will need to have added safeguards in place to ensure the health and well-being of all residents of Fort Riley. The following is a list of requirements that must be imposed to ensure safety on the Post.

(1) Muzzles when outside, tethered, and/or being walked.

(2) Never allowed to be free of leash and/or fenced area.

(3) Separate registration on the Post.

(4) Insurance for liability of the animal, as well as proof of such liability insurance.

#### 8. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Veterinary Services, Fort Riley, Branch Chief is responsible for the surveillance of infectious animal disease as well as recommending those control measures necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of any of these diseases. The Branch Chief will coordinate with the Provost Marshal's Office and send recommendations to the Garrison Commander concerning animal neglect/abuse and vicious animal cases.

b. The Garrison Commander will send out a pet removal letter for violation of this regulation on the installation.

c. Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) will provide a legal review of recommendations to the Garrison Commander to issue a pet removal letter. SJA will also provide legal review of all actions to terminate a soldier's privilege to live on the installation.

d. Provost Marshal is responsible for enforcing pet control on Fort Riley.

e. Pet owners are responsible for the following on the installation:

(1) Outdoor dogs will be maintained within a fenced area or tethered, depending on the size of the animal. Outdoor dogs may be tethered on a chain not less than 6 feet or greater than 15 feet in length with a collar or harness. They will be limited to a boundary not less than 4 feet from all common use right-of-ways, e.g., sidewalks, streets, etc., and will not be secured to trees, shrubbery, handrails, porch pillars, clotheslines, or in a manner that will cause damage to government property. The pet owner is responsible for providing the securement device. A pet shall not be chained in such a manner that the animal could cause injury to itself.

(2) When in common use areas, dogs will be kept on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length. The person having charge of the pet must be physically capable of controlling the animal on the leash.

(3) Owners will provide sufficient wholesome food and water daily, and veterinary care as required to provide humane care, treatment, and to prevent suffering. In the event that needed veterinary care by the VTF is not authorized, it is the responsibility of the owner to provide civilian veterinary care at the owner's expense.

(4) Dogs left outside will be provided with a dog house or other shelter that has three walls and a roof. A screened-in porch is not sufficient protection. Outside pets will have fresh, potable water available to them at all times when left unattended or unobserved for any amount of time. Outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must include one shelter structure per animal (unless the structure is large enough for two or more animals) that is accessible to each animal. Each outdoor facility will:

(a) Be large enough to allow each animal to sit, stand and lie in a normal manner and to turn about freely.

(b) Provide the animal(s) with adequate protection and shelter from the cold and heat.

(c) Provide the animal(s) protection from the direct rays of the sun and the direct effect of the wind, rain or snow.

(5) The animal's environment will be cleaned daily and maintained in as parasite-free a condition as is possible. Parasite control will be at the owner's expense. Feces deposited in public areas will be removed immediately.

**(6) All dogs and cats maintained on the installation will be registered at the Fort Riley VTF within 10 days of arrival or acquisition.** Written certification of rabies vaccination and microchip number are required and must be presented at the time of registration. If written certification is not available at the time of registration, the animal shall be vaccinated and/or microchipped at the earliest opportunity. A registration tag will be attached to the animal's collar, which should be worn at all times. Post registration must be updated when the rabies certificate is renewed.

(7) If a registered animal is sold or given away, the original owner will notify the VTF of the change of ownership and is responsible for the animal until it is registered in the new owner's name or removed from the installation.

(8) Pet animals of guests of military personnel on this post are not required to be registered, however they are the responsibility of the guest's sponsor. The sponsor shall ensure that the animal does not present a nuisance or a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on the post.

(9) Proper disposition of a pet which is no longer wanted is necessary. Pets given to another military member shall have their ownership information updated at the VTF. The microchip information shall be updated by the original owner. A limited number of pets may be put up for adoption through the Post Stray Animal Facility at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services or his/her representative. Pets may be put up for adoption through area animal shelters. Pets may be euthanized at the VTF at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

(10) When out-processing, pet owners must clear through the VTF to obtain the health records of their pets.

(11) Abide by published quarantine procedures.

(12) Violations, which may be considered acts of abuse, mistreatment, nuisance or neglect:

(a) Pets left unattended inside vehicles

(b) Abandonment of pets.

(c) Allowing a pet to attack people or other animals.

(d) Destruction of property.

(e) Disturbing the peace by howling or barking excessively.

(f) Provoking an animal confined in a fence or on a tether.

(g) Failure to provide food, water and shelter IAW this regulation.

(13) Microchips are required for all animals that reside on Fort Riley. The microchips can be obtained at the Post VTF. These chips are used as a means of identification and reunification of pets to their owners. It is also a method to help control the stray population on Post. The

microchip is placed under the skin over the withers in a sterile manner to reduce chance of post-injection reactions.

#### 9. ANIMALS BITING OR SCRATCHING HUMANS.

a. Animals biting or scratching humans will be quarantined as rabies suspects at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services. Such animals will not be destroyed, given away, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the owner until completion of the quarantine period.

b. A medical officer who treats a patient for any animal bite will report the incident to the military police at once. The medical officer will also comply with FR MEDDAC Regulation 40-64, Rabies Control.

c. The Animal Control Officer (or a designated representative from the Military Police) of the Provost Marshal's Office will pick up the animal in question and deliver it to the VTF, or direct the owner to deliver said animal for observation and quarantine.

d. Quarantine will occur within the Post Stray Animal Facility, a private veterinary establishment, or within the owner's quarters at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services, or his designated representative.

#### 10. DISEASE OUTBREAK QUARANTINE PROCEDURES.

a. Rabies. In the event rabies is diagnosed on the reservation or in the adjoining areas, a general quarantine will be implemented to prevent an epidemic condition from developing. The following procedures will apply:

(1) All pets will be kept on a leash when outdoors. Pets off leash will be impounded by military police personnel at the owner's expense.

(2) Extreme precautions will be taken to prevent animal bites/scratches.

(3) Any pet animal which is bitten by another animal will be taken to the VTF for examination. The owner should attempt to acquire as much information as possible about the animal that bit his/her animal. The biting animal will be considered a rabies suspect as well as the bitten animal.

##### (4) Dogs, Cats, or Ferrets Currently Vaccinated Against Rabies

(a) A currently vaccinated dog, cat, or ferret that is bitten by, or otherwise potentially exposed to a rabid or suspect rabid animal will be revaccinated immediately and placed in isolation under observation for 45 days or euthanized.

(b) At the end of the isolation period, the dog, cat, or ferret will be examined by the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services or a veterinarian who will report the results of the examination to the Branch Chief. If the veterinarian determines that the dog, cat, or ferret is free of signs of illness compatible with rabies, it may be released from isolation with the approval of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

(c) If at any point during the isolation period or upon examination, the dog, cat or ferret shows signs of illness compatible with rabies, the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services will order the immediate humane euthanasia and rabies testing in an approved laboratory after conferring with the examining veterinarian.

##### (5) Dogs, Cats, or Ferrets that are Unvaccinated or Not Currently Vaccinated Against Rabies.

(a) A dog, cat, or ferret that is not currently vaccinated against rabies and is bitten by or otherwise potentially exposed to a rabid or suspect rabid animal shall be euthanatized immediately.

(b) If the owner is unwilling to consent to euthanasia, the animal shall be quarantined at the Stray Facility, Rabies Quarantine, Building 226, at the owner's expense for six months in strict isolation. If the animal shows no signs of rabies at the end of five months, it will be vaccinated against rabies at that time at the owners expense.

(c) At the end of the six- month impoundment, the dog, cat, or ferret will be examined by the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services or a licensed veterinarian who will report the results of the examination to the Branch Chief. If the examination determines that the dog or cat is free of signs of illness compatible with rabies, it may be released from impoundment with the approval of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

(e) If at any point during the impoundment period or upon examination, the dog, cat or ferret shows signs of illness compatible with rabies, the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services will order the immediate humane euthanasia and testing of the impounded animal after conferring with the examining veterinarian.

#### (6) Horses

(a) Currently vaccinated horses bitten by or otherwise potentially exposed to rabid or suspect rabid animal will be revaccinated immediately and isolated under observation for 45 days or be euthanized.

(b) Unvaccinated horses should be humanely euthanized immediately. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal will be kept in strict isolation for six months at the owners expense under such conditions as are outlined in an official isolation order issued by the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

#### (7) Other Animals

(a) Any animal, other than a dog, cat, ferret, or horse that is bitten by or otherwise potentially exposed to a rabid or suspect rabid animal should be euthanized immediately.

#### (8) Testing of Suspect Rabid Animals

(a) If a suspect rabid animal is available for testing, an animal that was bitten by or otherwise potentially exposed to the suspect rabid animal will be isolated pending the rabies testing result on the suspect animal. If the testing results are negative, the bitten or otherwise potentially exposed animal shall be released with the approval of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

(9) Sponsors will restrict the activities of their family members in relation to playing or walking in unimproved areas such as woods, and caution them about approaching an unfamiliar animal.

(10) The quarantine will remain in effect for 60 days following the last reported case. Subsequent cases of rabies will automatically extend the period of quarantine for 60 days from the date of confirmation.

(6) The Provost Marshal will enforce all terms of the quarantine.

### 11. OTHER ANIMAL DISEASE OUTBREAKS.

a. Any federal or state quarantine measures initiated for the control of an animal disease outbreak that may affect Fort Riley will be cause for implementation of appropriate quarantine procedures.

b. The Branch Chief, Veterinary Services, in conjunction with the Preventive Medicine Service, will be responsible for the collection and dissemination of epidemiological information that may affect the status of quarantine measures.

## 12. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. It is required that all dogs, cats and ferrets will be immunized in accordance with current VTF policy.

(1) Initial Vaccination for rabies: All dogs, cats and ferrets 12 weeks of age or older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Unvaccinated dogs, cats and ferrets older than 12 weeks of age that are acquired or moved onto Fort Riley must be vaccinated within 10 days of arrival, unless there is documented evidence of current vaccination. Rabies vaccinations will be given by or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) Revaccination for rabies: All dogs, cats and ferrets shall be revaccinated 12 months after the initial vaccination. Thereafter, the interval between revaccinations should conform to the current State, VETCOM, and AVMA policies.

c. Horses. All horses are required to be immunized in accordance with current VTF policy.

(1) Vaccination against Rabies at least annually or according to labeled instructions. Rabies vaccinations will be administered by or under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) Serology for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Testing) annually.

(3) Complete health examinations, by a veterinarian, at the beginning and end of quarantine and anytime the horse has been off the installation for **greater than 30 days**.

(4) Deworming at least every 3 months in an approved method.

## 13. LOOSE OR STRAY ANIMALS.

a. The military police will capture any uncontrolled animal found or reported running loose on this installation. If the animal appears to be vicious or if it appears that the animal cannot be captured without endangering some person, the officer or animal warden is authorized to use that force necessary to restrain or kill the animal. The Branch Chief, Veterinary Services, and the Deputy Provost Marshal's Office will be contacted prior to use of deadly force on an animal whenever possible. Once an animal has been picked up by the military police, it may be released back to the owner (if identified), provided that the owner has written proof of current registration and immunizations at the time of release. If proof of current registration and immunization is not available, the animal will be impounded at the Post Stray Animal Facility until the requirements specified in paragraph d below have been met.

b. The Post Stray Animal Facility will maintain impounded animal(s) in the stray kennels and attempt to identify the owner. If ownership cannot be established within 3 working days, the animal will be properly disposed of at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services.

c. Pets brought in by the military police for suspected animal neglect will be kept at the stray facility until the owner can prove to the satisfaction of animal control officers that the deficiencies for which the animal was impounded are corrected. The Branch Chief, or a civilian veterinarian, will examine the animal and the condition of the animal will be documented in a medical record. The owner will correct the deficiencies in housing or humane care of the animal within 14 days of the animal's impoundment and pay for all medications and treatments that his/her animal may require while impounded in the Post Stray Animal Facility. The registered owner is responsible for

all incurred expenses. The sponsor's First Sergeant and Commander will be notified at the onset of impoundment.

**d. The owner may obtain the release of his or her impounded animal by paying fees incurred for maintenance and immunization of said animal. Failure to pick up an animal will not exempt the owner from paying such fees. An owner who decides to place his/her impounded animal(s) up for adoption will not be exempt from paying the fees incurred from time of impoundment until the adoption release form is signed. Owners will also incur a charge for the adoption fee.**

e. Should an animal be impounded more than three times in a 12-month period, a recommendation will be made by the Branch Chief to the Garrison Commander to remove the animal from the installation and/or terminate the occupant's privilege to reside on the installation.

f. Animals will be vaccinated at the owner's expense in accordance with this regulation upon release of the animal from quarantine or impoundment, unless proof of previous vaccination is presented at the time of release.

#### 14. STRAY ANIMAL ADOPTION.

a. Stray animals not claimed after 3 working days become government-owned animals and may be made available for adoption.

b. The animal will be permanently identified with a microchip and registered with the VTF at the time of adoption. All necessary immunizations, ectoparasite treatment, deworming, and laboratory tests will be performed at that time. The cost for all procedures will be included in the adoption fee.

c. Animals turned in for adoption at the Post Stray Animal Facility by their owners are considered government-owned animals after their owner signs the release for adoption form.

#### 15. DISPOSITION OF DECEASED ANIMALS.

a. Owners are responsible for the disposal of dead pets. If the pets are registered at the VTF, the owner must advise the VTF staff so that the animal's health records can be removed from the active file. Owners may bury their pets in the post pet cemetery by contacting the Department of Public Works and Housing, Building and Grounds Division, phone 239-3908.

b. Animals (domestic or wild) found dead on the reservation (including roads) will be reported to the military police desk. The military police may present them in a plastic bag to the Veterinary Treatment Facility for disposal, or otherwise dispose of them.

c. Animals dying on this installation are subject to a necropsy by the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services at his/her discretion.

d. Pets that have bitten or scratched a person and subsequently die before the 10-day home quarantine has elapsed will be promptly delivered to the VTF in order to initiate laboratory proceedings for rabies examination.

**16. DOMESTIC ANIMALS SHOWING UNUSUAL OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR.** Personnel observing a domestic animal showing unusual or threatening behavior will notify the military police who will take immediate steps to apprehend and impound the animal at the Post Stray Animal Facility.

Such animals will not be killed unless they cannot be safely captured alive. If it is necessary to kill such animals, care will be taken not to destroy or injure the head, and the carcass will be delivered immediately to the VTF for necropsy and/or testing for rabies.



17. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS. Motor vehicle operators who strike a domestic animal will stop at once and render such assistance, as may be possible, utilizing caution to prevent possible injury to themselves. Drivers will immediately report such injury or death of a pet animal to the Military Police. The Military Police will make every effort to locate the owner. If unable to locate the owner, the Military Police will contact the veterinarian or veterinarian assistant.

18. VETERINARY TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.

a. Government-owned animals, i.e., Military Working Dogs, horses in the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and all mascots, will be provided complete veterinary care by Fort Riley Branch Veterinary Services.

b. Privately owned animals will receive veterinary outpatient care as follows:

(1) Services will be provided only to personnel presenting a valid military ID card.

(2) Animals being raised primarily for commercial purposes are excluded.

c. The following specific policies apply to health care of companion animals (dogs and cats):

(1) Clinical periods will be established for administering immunizations and/or performing the authorized diagnostic/treatment/surgical procedures. These clinical periods will be operated on an appointment basis as well as limited walk-ins.

(2) Appointments will be made by calling the VTF during duty hours. The mission of Veterinary Services includes the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of animal diseases, primarily those of an infectious or zoonotic nature.

(3) Animals seen during scheduled appointments will be treated only when it can be determined that the condition is treatable under regulatory guidance and the capabilities of this facility.

(4) Emergency medical care will be provided to the extent necessary to prevent additional suffering or where the lack of emergency care would endanger life or limb. At the point where the critically injured or ill animal is stabilized, it will be referred to a civilian veterinarian or maintained at the Fort Riley VTF for treatment if it is a government owned animal. Emergency cases that cannot be adequately treated will be referred to civilian veterinarians. The Fort Riley VTF is not a full service veterinary clinic. After-hours emergency cases involving privately owned animals must be taken to a civilian veterinarian.

(5) Physical examinations will be performed on all animals requiring veterinary care, to include but not limited to, vaccinations and the issuance of health certificates.

(6) Charges for veterinary care of privately owned animals at the Fort Riley Veterinary Treatment Facility will be limited to the amount necessary to cover the cost of operating the veterinary facility.

(7) Appeals to this regulation will be made to the Commanding General's office.

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